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# The Elba Clipper

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## Commission approves Omnibus Salary Legislation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, in its regular bi-monthly meeting, passed out some money, awarded a bid, passed several resolutions, and adopted a pay-raise bill.

During the general business session, from the commissioners, Commissioner Kayo Lewis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Benet Brooks, that the Omnibus Pay Bill be adopted by the Coffee County Commission. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote with Stephens and Doug Dalrymple.

Robert Stephens and Doug Dalrymple casting the two dissenting votes. Last year, the Alabama State Legislature passed Act 2000-108 (Omnibus Salary Legislation) dealing with salary increases. It affects the pay rates of county commissioners, sheriffs, probate judges and revenue commissioners throughout the state.

The legislation was passed and signed by the governor, however, Coffee County is one of several counties (10) that has to adopt it individually. According to the bill, revenue to fund the increases will be generated by minor increases in probate fees.

The pay bill affects the salaries of the sheriff, probate judge, revenue commissioner, and commissioners. It sets the minimum compensation (annual) for the sheriff at \$50,000; probate judge at \$64,425; commissioner at \$17,082; commission chairman at \$21,762; and allows an annual increase in salary for the revenue commissioner any amount not to exceed \$10,000.

The bill was first presented to the commission for consideration in April 2000; however, the matter was tabled. Probate Judge William O. Gammill was asked to appear before the commissioners at the next meeting and explain to them what the cost to the taxpayers would be.

Judge Gammill appeared before the commission on Monday, April 24, 2000 and told them, "I see nothing unreasonable in the fee increases." He added that he felt the proposed increases would fund the salary increases outlined in the "pay-raise bill." After listening to Gammill, the commission took no action on the pay-raise bill.

Again, in the May 22nd commission meeting, just prior to the June Primary Election,

Commissioner Brooks was successful in getting the omnibus pay bill "off the table." This time it went to a vote with only Commissioners Brooks and Lewis voting in favor of the bill. Opposing the bill were Commissioners Stephens, Tom Grimsley, Doug Dalrymple, and Len A. Averett. Commissioner Linda Westbrook abstained.

With the election behind them, the proposed bill again surfaced in Monday's meeting and a resolution was adopted favoring the pay-raise bill. The fee increase (probate) and the pay raises will take effect October 1, 2001. No salaries were set in Monday's meeting — that will be done in the budget hearings preceding the adoption of the 2002 budget.

At the suggestion of County Administrator Wilson Mobley, the commissioners elected to re-advertise for applicants to fill the county's real property appraiser's position.

After a brief discussion, commissioners instructed the administrator to advertise for certified appraisers only, and to stipulate that the job could be temporary depending on the outcome of the pending court case presently before the Coffee County Circuit Court.

Commissioner Lewis opposed the action stating that he felt the 30-plus applications now on file with 6-8 of the individuals being certified were enough to choose an appraiser from. Commissioner Stephens abstained in the vote. All other commissioners favored the action.

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented several items to the commissioners for their consideration and action.

He asked that paperwork be initialized in obtaining federal aid funds for the following county roads: 305, 315, 119, 109, 428, and 661. And, that paperwork on obtaining "ST" funds for County Roads 208 and 643 also be initiated. Commissioners passed resolutions approving both measures.

Tindell asked for and received approval on a change order allowing the use of a plant mix wearing surface on a present ST project involving Co. Rds. 201, 409, and 412.

The engineer also asked that he be allowed to purchase, either off state bid or the bid process, a new boom cutter for use in the highway department. Approval was given to do so.

Tindell recommended that the commission chairman be given agreement with the state department of transportation in obtaining funds \$580,000 to be used in improving pedestrian walkways in the areas of schools, hospital, etc., aimed at making them safer. A resolution was passed to that effect. There is no cost to the county in obtaining these funds.

Kaye Whitworth, director of the Elba Economic Development Board, addressed the commission and asked them for their support both financially and otherwise.

"We've had some severe setbacks in Elba this past year, but we are remaining positive and we look forward to working with this board," said Whitworth. "We want to work toward making Elba and Coffee County the best it can be."

She told Commissioners that the Elba Industrial Board just recently completed its "spec" building and will be marketing it in the very near future. Whitworth also told commissioners that they will be helping the commission market its industrial site located near the county's solid waste landfill on AL Hwy. 125.

"We feel that what's best for Coffee County is good for Elba," she said.

Immediately following Whitworth's comments, Commission Chairman Linda Westbrook made a motion that \$5,000 be given to the Elba Industrial Board immediately and that in October (2001), look at the situation again. After a

brief discussion, Westbrook's motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners. Whitworth said there were no immediate plans on how the money would be spent, however, she said it will probably be used in offsetting some of the expense incurred in marketing the new spec building and other industrial sites in the Elba area.

Sandy Coffey, who heads the Extension Service in Coffee County, introduced Lynn Graham to the commission.

Graham, a regional county agent with the Extension Service, will be working with a 13-county board to promote tourism and retirees coming to this area. The employment of the agent, along with a secretary, is being funded through an economical development grant. The board will now be known as Southeast Alabama Trails.

Graham told commissioners that at the present time she will be compiling information by meeting with extension agents, area chambers of commerce, and community leaders.

Chairman Westbrook, as a matter of information, told commissioners that Ms. Ann Payne, with Rural Development, had informed her via letter that a \$10,000 grant had been awarded to the county for a feasibility study for industrial use of the land along to the county located across from the landfill on AL Hwy. 125.

Other actions taken by the commissioners consisted of the following:

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**HOW MUCH LONGER!** Today, March 1, marks another of too many anniversaries of the death of the late C. F. "Neil" Grantham, Sheriff of Coffee County. It was 22 years ago today that Sheriff Grantham was murdered in cold blood in front of the county jail which was, at that time, located near downtown Elba. TODAY, the man CONVICTED of his murder, Billy Joe Magwood, remains ALIVE and WELL on death row in Holman Prison located in Atmore. TOO MANY TIMES, Grantham's loved ones, and many, many friends, have had to ask the question "Why can't we have closure?" After what seems like an endless number of appeals and court appearances, Magwood still has an appeal pending before the U. S. District Court in Montgomery filed on April 23, 1997. According to Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor, there is no limit to the number of years a case can be dormant in a federal court without a ruling. We need to contact our members of Congress and ask why U.S. Senator Richard Shelby @ (202)224-5744; U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions @ (202)224-4124; and U.S. Rep. Terry Everett @ (202)225-2901. The attorney assigned to the case by the AG's Office is Beth Hughes and she can be reached by calling 1-800-626-7676.

## Elba financial statement reflects higher income, lower expenses

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council wasted little time Monday evening and completed the business on their light calendar within 30 minutes.

Little discussion time was spent on it, but the four month financial report was passed out to council members and Mayor James Grimes noted income was higher than anticipated and expenses were lower.

The financial report showed the sales and use tax was down about \$3,000 for the four month

period, but some other categories were up slightly. The total income was up a little over \$50,000 while total expenses were down almost \$88,000.

It is hard to measure the business licenses, tobacco tax, utility franchises, etc. These are categories of income that are received in lump sums and/or in certain months of the year, thus can reflect misleading income figures.

Mayor Grimes explained that there is a cash flow problem due to two roof repair jobs and a change in the way insurance is

paid.

The insurance carrier was changed and the city must now pay premiums at a faster rate than before.

Neither replacing the roof on the Recreation Center nor the one on the old school gym were anticipated, nor budgeted for, the mayor explained. Both were necessary to save the buildings and allow their continued use.

Cardwell Construction, contractor on the drainage projects at Putnam and M. L. King Drive is expected back in town soon to do the approved additions and to clean up some unfinished portions of the main project.

Work on the Caroline Street Bridge was scheduled to get underway this week, but has been postponed due to expected rains for the balance of the week.

Three places on the Elba Industrial Development Board are up for reappointment, Grimes said. He told council members he was expecting to fill these at the next regular meeting.

Also up for appointment at the next meeting is one slot on the Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments.

John Taylor addressed the council. He announced he is the new general manager at the local Hardee's and will do anything he can with the city to help make the fast food business a better place for local citizens to eat.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council he needs an adjustment in the personnel manual.

The chief explained that the policy manual requires an officer be employed for a certain amount of time before becoming eligible for promotions,

regardless of abilities and qualifications.

He added as an example, a retired FBI agent applies for work with the Elba Police Department. He can only be hired after beginning paperwork and pay under the existing manual. Whitworth and City Attorney Jeff Kelley will recommend the necessary changes at a later council meeting.

The chief said he had lost four qualified officers in the past year because of the limitations in the Elba pay scale.

Mayor Grimes added that he is working on some other adjustments to the employee pay scale and will try to present these changes at the same time. Whitworth also reported that two police officers have returned from a drug/hazardous materials school in Mississippi. Two more will be attending in June.

### \*NOTICE\*

MDI (Mark Dunning Industries), Coffee County's collection agency for rural solid waste, announces the following changes in pickup days. The change will become effective March 12, 2001. They are as follows: Monday's Route - will not change. Tuesday's Route will change to Thursday. Wednesday's Route will not change. Friday's Route will change to Tuesday. Anyone having any questions concerning this schedule should call MDI at 1-888-735-5111.

## Coffee County receives \$860,000 in Industrial Access Grants

Senator Jimmy Holley (D-Elba) and Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) announce last Thursday that two Coffee County roads will be overhauled thanks to grants totaling \$860,000 issued by the Industrial Access Bond Authority.

The second segment of County Road 636, and County Road 109 (James Snell Road) will be widened and resurfaced to accommodate the increased automobile and truck traffic related to the businesses in those areas.

"These grants are targeted as industrial improvement funds to upgrade access routes for companies and their employees," explains Representative Spicer. "Widening these roadways will make the routes less congested and much safer for local drivers, as well as provide a better entrance road to one of the leading employers in Coffee County."

The County Road 636 project will receive \$660,000, which is

an addition to the \$1 million received last year, to complete the widening and resurfacing of the roadway. The road is the primary access to ConAgra Boilers, Inc.

"More than 1000 employees and 240 truck loads travel that road, everyday from both Enterprise and the Opp Andalusia areas," describes James Ponce de Leon, Human Resource Director of ConAgra. "The increased safety for our employees and the public in general is tremendous. We are very grateful to Representative Spicer and Senator Holley for their help."

The County Road 109 project will receive \$200,000. It is principal route for accessing several chicken houses in the area.

"Governor Don Siegelman was instrumental in securing this funding for our county," states Senator Holley. "We appreciate his support of our efforts in trying to improve the quality of life for Coffee County residents."

## Area Happenings

**LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST** The Elba Lions Club will have its annual pancake breakfast Saturday, March 3, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. The price of a good breakfast is: Adults - a \$3.00 donation and Children - a \$2.00 donation.

**COUNTY BOE MEETING** The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday (TONIGHT), March 1, in the board room of the Central office located in Elba. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in city hall.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS** Free tax preparation and counseling for seniors age 60 and older and taxpayers with middle and low income is available from AARP Tax-Aide. Unemployed Dorsey employees can take advantage of this free tax service. Call the Elba Senior Center to make an appointment for either Monday or Thursday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., each week until April 15. For further information, call toll free 1-888-AARPNOW or visit the AARP website at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) for further information.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** to start a 10 week session, meeting each Tuesday night beginning March 6 - 6:00 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church located at 503 W. Davis St. The public is invited. For more information call Janis Clark Phillips @ 897-6012 or the church @ 897-2219.







# CHURCH NEWS

## James Jackson celebrates 61 years of making music



James Jackson

### Higher Reach to appear at Elba Church of God on March 3

Higher Reach Gospel group will be appearing at the Elba Church of God, Saturday March 3rd.

Rev. Ron Stallard, minister at Elba Church of God invites everyone to come and bring a friend.

### Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) to meet March 3

The Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet on Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church. All members and concerned persons are asked to attend. This meeting is expected to begin promptly at 10 a.m.

### Revival services to be held at New Haven Assembly of God

New Haven Assembly of God will hold revival services March 2-4.

The guest evangelists will be the Mann Kirkland Singers. For more information call 735-0620. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

## Be Ye Doers

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

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## ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Jude 1:3-25

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Ue-Ve Whitehurst, Lesa Guller, Rev. N. L. Robinson, Della Magwood, The Anderson, Tillis and Haulstead families, Lela Tyson, Jo Ann Warren, Lovie Hooks, Coretta Hammond, Mary E. Holley, Ella M. Brooks, Burnice Hamilton, Beatrice Brundidge, Collis, Belcher.

\*\*\*The Southeast District State Convention Board Meeting will be March 15, 2001, 10 a.m., at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Chichasaw St., Dothan.

\*\*\*The YWA Red Circle Jr. Mission 3rd Annual Concert will be held at the Friendship MB Church, Enterprise, on March 18 at 5 p.m.

\*\*\*The Rocky Head Church Youth Group will host a basketball tournament at the Elba High School gym on March 9-10. It is a double elimination tournament with an entry fee of \$75. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. There will also be a half court shoot-out during halftime. For more information, contact: Melvin Cross at 897-3334.

## PASTOR'S CORNER Dr. Tony Dye Westside Baptist Church

### Getting out of the valley

A story recently about a pastor in West Virginia. The little town he lived in was situated in a long, narrow valley - a pretty dark valley. The sun didn't rise high enough to shine on that town until mid-morning so it was dark for quite a while each day. This pastor said the town itself was kind of a dingy, dirty place. It was the kind of place where you often battle "feeling down." This young pastor loved to go up on the mountain that overlooked the valley, and from up there, he said the view was beautiful. He said even the town looked good from up there!

When you can get above the valley, that panoramic view makes everything look different. If you're spending some time in your own valley right now, that may be something you need to remember. There's a simple six-letter word that represents that view from the mountain that changes how everything looks.

The word I'm thinking of is found in the Word of God in Psalm chapter 8 beginning in verse 1: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?"

Did you catch the word that changes the view? The word is praise. Praise is focusing on the size of your God instead of the size of your problems. It is one way of reminding yourself of the great things God is to you and the great things He has done for you. Praise is celebrating Who is really in charge of the circumstances of our lives. Praise actually has the power to "silence the foe and the avenger." If that refers to Satan, you need to know that Satan can't stand to be around you when you are praising your Lord.

Praise takes away the negative attitudes and the discouragement that the devil loves to work with. Discouragement and depression can be "foes" and "avengers" in our lives. The darkness of the valley often causes us to succumb to our dark side, to emotional paralysis, or to giving up, until we make the choice to climb up the mountain that takes us above all that. Praise Mountain. You may not feel like praising God, you probably don't, but when you need to praise God the most, Praise is a conscious choice to begin focusing on Him rather than on your circumstances.

Start celebrating the many ways God has worked over the months and years. Look at the progress you've made - at how far you've come, not just how far you still have to go. Thank God for the things that didn't happen that could have happened. Praise Him for places you can see Him working in just the last 24 hours in spite of your difficulties. Start talking up the qualities you love about the Lord, the qualities that you're counting on to get you through right now.

When you're in the valley, and you're looking only at what's right in front of you, you're going to just get overwhelmed and discouraged but as you start to look at your valley from the mountain of praising God, everything will look different. You can have that awesome view anytime you choose to get out of the valley.

## WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

## Church Directory

<b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Homer F. Moore, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. L. Gray, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Stephen Dubois, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.
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# LIFESTYLES

## Christ-Cauley plan May wedding date



Mr. Cauley &amp; Miss Christ

### Carter named to fall honors list



Meredith Jean Carter

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**THE ELBA LION'S CLUB**  
**ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd at the**  
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*Agnes Wilson*

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## Elba native graduates Cum Laude from Auburn University in December

Melissa Benbow graduated Cum Laude from Auburn University on Dec. 16, 2000. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in international business with concentrations in finance and French.

During her career at Auburn, she was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Delta Sigma Pi Business Honor, University Program Council of Fine Arts, Financial Management Association, International Business Club, Auburn French Society, Auburn University Golf Hostesses, Auburn Student Alumni Association and Chi Omega Fraternity.

Melissa is the daughter of Gena and Jeff Benbow and the granddaughter of Genette Kendrick and the late J. Doug Kendrick and Margaret and William Benbow, all of Elba.



Melissa Benbow

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Mr. and Mrs. Udo Christ of Opp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Jane Christ, to Timothy Edward Cauley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Edward Cauley of the Friendship Community.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stanley of Opp and Mrs. Rosa Stanley and the late Mr. Hayes Stanley of Opp and Mr. Georg Christ of Germany.

Miss Christ is a 1997 graduate of Opp High School and a 1999 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College with an Applied Science and Associates of Arts degrees in business administration. She will graduate from Troy State University in May with a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis Cauley of the Friendship Community and the late Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Harrison of Elba.

Mr. Cauley is a 1995 graduate of Opp High School and a 1999 and 2000 graduate of MacArthur State Technical College with degrees in industrial electricity, industrial electronics and communication electronics. He is employed in Opp.

The wedding will take place May 12, 2001 at the First Baptist Church of Opp at four in the afternoon. No local invitations are being sent, but all family and friends are invited to witness the wedding and reception that will follow in the church fellowship hall.

8th grade Parents Night to be held at Elba High School, March 8

Elba High School will have 8th Grade Parents Night on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning the student's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

Anna Yoo Concert planned for March 1st ESJC

Don't forget the Anna Yoo Concert on March 1, that will be held at Enterprise State Junior College in Room 110 of the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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**MARCH 2-8**  
Family Shopping Center

**I - THE MEXICAN** (R)  
M-F 7:45-9:15 - \$45 2:45-5:15

**II - SEE SPOT RUN** (PG)  
M-F 7:15-8:45 - \$45 2:15-5:45

**III - RECKON** (R)  
M-F 7:00 - \$45 2:00 - \$45

**IV - DOWN TO EARTH** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**V - NO PAIN NO GAIN** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**VI - HIDDEN DRAGON** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**VII - HANNIBAL** (R)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**VIII - CHOCOLAT** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**IX - CROUCHING TIGER** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**X - BURNING MAN** (R)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45

**XI - THE MEXICAN** (R)  
M-F 7:45 - \$45 2:45 - \$45



# SCHOOLS

## Student Spotlight

by Francie English  
Name: Josh Tice  
Parents: Donna Roberts and Dale Tice  
Age: 15  
Grade: 10th  
Favorite color: Blue  
Favorite Music: Rock  
Clubs/Activities: Mu Alpha Theta  
Interests/Hobbies: Computers, welding, and the outdoors  
Personal Quote: "Never say can't."



Josh Tice

Josh's favorite subject is biology because he finds it fun and interesting.  
The thing he enjoys most about Elba High School is the welding facility and all the friendly teachers.  
Josh would like to be able to take an electronic class, unfortunately there is not one offered at EHS.

After he graduates from high school, he would like to be able to go into an area of welding or join a branch of the military.  
The one thing he will always remember about his years at Elba High is the time he caught his pants on fire in welding.

## Elba Elementary School Menu March 5 - 8, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Cookie Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Turkey Wiggle Corn, Butterbeans, 1/2 Orange, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Carrots, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Barbeque, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk

## News From MacArthur

**Douglas MacArthur State Technical College to Offer Saturday Internet Seminar**  
The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will offer an introduction seminar that offers basic Internet knowledge and skills including Internet terminology, working with browsers and searching the Internet. Topics covered include: Search Engines, Web Browsers, Web pages, URL's, Service Provider, equipment required for Internet and how to search the Web efficiently. Anyone interested in the seminar should register by Monday, April 16, 2001. The cost of the seminar is \$30.00 per participant. For additional information, contact Cindy Clark at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

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## Tiger Tales

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## Government/Economics students play Congress

by Alan Head  
On Feb. 8 and 9, Coach Boyd English's government/economics class played Congress for a day by proposing and attempting to pass a series of bills. To perform this curriculum, several steps had to be worked through first.

The first act was to elect a president to preside over the hearings of each bill and decide whether or not to veto or pass the bill. After this, the class was divided into the two different houses of Congress - the Senate and the House of Representatives. Next, the separate groups elected spokespeople for each individual bill. Finally, the bills were presented and discussed among the class/congress. These bills represented a wide variety of topics ranging from Federal Telephone and Electric

Cooperative go lowering the licenses for truck drivers. Each bill had valid points and was thoroughly debated and discussed among the different members of the class. Here is a list of the bills.

The Vallea Camberlee Federal Telephone and Elec. Cooperative Bill  
Prison Punishment, School Support Bill  
Passive Smoking Bill  
CDL License Lowered Bill  
CHM Public Discipline Bill  
BLAC Teacher Tenure Reform Bill

When Coach English was asked about the success of the activity, his response was: "Each bill was well represented, and I think that the members of the class now have a better understanding of legislation in government."

## It's off to work we go

by Amy Kirkland  
On Groundhog Day, 49 students from Elba High School, as well as more than a million youths across the country, shadowed careers.  
On Feb. 2, the students, with the help of Mr. Donald Lawford and Mrs. Donna Stokes, were allowed the opportunity to shadow workplaces.  
The national event enabled students to explore a variety of job opportunities. Students got

to experience jobs first-hand as they shadowed workers in Elba, Opp, New Brockton, Enterprise, and Dighton.

Local schools, businesses, and hospitals participated in the Shadowing Day. The purpose of the day was to help sophomores, juniors, and seniors decide on a career.

The shadowing day was successful and the students learned a great deal from the experience.



Amy Kirkland shadowed Ms. Nicholson's kindergarten class at Elba Elementary School.



Brandon Behrens shadowed at CarQuest.

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## Domestic Violence: The home truth

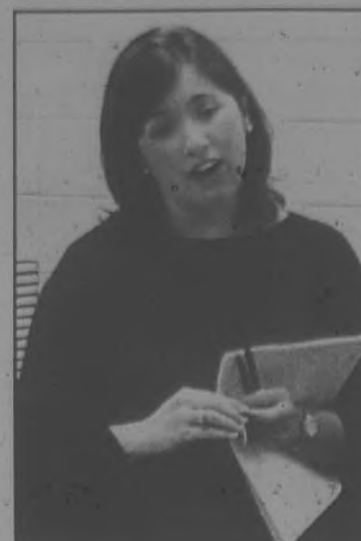
by Bethany Dye  
Do acts of domestic violence actually occur in our hometown of Elba, Alabama? The answer is definitely yes. How often these instances may happen could surprise you.

On Monday, Feb. 12, two speakers from the House of Ruth in Dothan visited EHS to speak to Mrs. Weeks' sociology/psychology class. Mr. Waters' health class, and Mrs. D. Clark's parenting class on domestic violence, mainly violence among teenagers in relationships. The two speakers' purpose was to educate high school students by sharing statistics, characteristics of abusers and how to get help.

"It was a very interactive discussion," commented Mrs. Weeks. "The students seemed to really enjoy it."

Enjoy it they did. "I never knew so many women were abused. I had no idea what a big problem it was," said Michelle Adkins.

In light of the experience, Lakia Walker remarked, "I learned a lot more about sexual



House of Ruth speakers address EHS students.

abuse. We know a lot more now than we did before."

It has been said that the best way to solve a problem is to prevent it and that the key to progress is education. For some EHS students, involvement or continued involvement in domestic violence has hopefully been averted.

## Band News

### All that jazz

by Leanne Mallory

The jazz band is a little known part of the music program at EHS, but over the past few years has become more visible.

This year the jazz band consists of approximately thirty members who gather on Friday afternoons to practice.

Also, the band will be playing songs such as "Birdland," "Boogie Man," and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

The jazz band plans to have several performances this year, one of which will be during band day.

## 8th Grade Parents Night

Thursday • March 8 • EHS Auditorium • 7 p.m.  
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## More Groundhog Day...



Jeremy Sasser and Brian Rhodes shadowed at the Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.



Alan Cooper shadowed the Elba Police Department.

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# SCHOOLS

## The Frog Prince

A live production of "The Frog Prince" was presented by four actors from the Birmingham Theater at the New Brockton Elementary School. Students in Kindergarten, first, and second grades from New Brockton, Kinston, and Zion Chapel got to see this live production.

In "The Frog Prince," Queen Thistlepate turns Prince Robert from Redding-Rose into a frog while he was on a journey to a castle to marry Princess Pricilla. Later in the story, Princess Pricilla kisses the frog on the head and he turns back into a prince and they live happily ever after.

Several students who attended the play were interviewed to get their reaction.

Gage Cowart, kindergarten, said, "My favorite part of the play was when the queen threw the man into the well."

Jordan Jones said, "My favorite part was when the mean witch turned the prince into a frog."

Mrs. Lisa Smith, kindergarten teacher said, "I believe that the kids enjoyed the day. They liked the bus ride and many of them had never ridden a bus before. The children seemed to have a good time and they say that they cannot wait until their next field trip."

Kimberly was chosen to play the role of the Frog Prince. Amie Perry was chosen to play the role of the Princess. Amie Perry logged two week-ends in honor bands; the week-end before Auburn she was in Troy at the Southeastern States Honor Band, directed by Mr. Keith Mann, director of bands at Red Deer College in Alberta, Canada. This clinic weekend brings back all the Troy State graduates, and band directors who go to clinics and concerts while the honor bands rehearse. The Troy State University Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi sponsored Amie's attendance to



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**REBEL NEWS**  
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

## Rebel Band News

### AU Honor Band

Amie Perry and Kimberly Jordan were chosen for the Auburn University Honor Band. Amie was selected to play tuba in the Tiger Band, directed by Dr. Rick Good, Associate Conductor of the Auburn University Bands.

Kimberly was chosen to play alto saxophone in the Eagle Band, directed by Mr. Troy Breaux, Assistant Conductor of the Auburn University Bands.

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the Southeastern States Honor Band.

Mr. Michael Bird, band director, led the praise for Amie and Kimberly. He said, "It is always a privilege to accompany students to an honor band festival where Zion Chapel is being well represented. Knowing that the Auburn people were more selective this year made it even more important. Auburn's Director of Bands, Dr. Vinson, told us that out of 950 applications, 325 top bandmen were selected. Kim and Amie were in that top cut. I am very proud of them."

Mr. Bird, Amie, and Kim reported that it was a fun weekend in spite of the work they had to do. They were able to meet band people from other schools. They ate meals with students from Florida, Cottonwood, and Samson, and during one break, went bowling with some of the same students.

## \*\*Students of the Month\*\*



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Adam Carter and D.J. Stinson; back row - Danielle Carter, Matthew Richards, and Kristina Bay.

Mrs. Cara Knighten, Counselor at Zion Chapel, has begun a new activity for students at Zion Chapel. She has asked teachers to help select a Student of the Month from each grade in both high school and middle school.

Teachers were to look for students who show acts of kindness, who are hard-working, and who show major improvements from one grading period to the next. Their names are displayed on the high school main hall bulletin board. Each student

chosen is given a ticket for a free break snack and a certificate of achievement. At the end of school all students who have been chosen will be invited to a special party.

For January 2001, the Students of the Month are Adam Carter, sixth grade; D.J. Stinson, seventh grade; Katy Paez, eighth grade; Jason Danley, ninth grade; Danielle Carter, tenth grade; Matthew Richards, eleventh grade; and Kristina Bay, twelfth grade.

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## Students' after graduation plans

Mrs. Cara Knighten, guidance counselor, has been instrumental in helping seniors decide what to do after graduation. She has also helped them find ways to finance their after-graduation plans.

Seniors have been taken to college fairs and career days. They have heard from college and technical school representatives and they have been taken on tours of college campuses.

Many of the seniors of 2001 have already applied to a college and many have already been notified of financial help that they will receive.

Keely Sikes, Kimberly Jordan, Kristin Johns, and Amelia Wallace have been accepted to attend Troy State University. Heather Arnold has been accepted to Judson College. Sarah Maddox has been accepted by both the University of Alabama and Troy State University. Heather Danley plans to attend the University of West Alabama where she has been accepted. Huntington College has extended an invitation to attend to Amie Perry and this is the col-

## FCCLA Week

FCCLA, which used to be FHA, stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. During the week of Feb. 12, the Zion Chapel Chapter joined other FCCLA Chapters in celebrating FCCLA Week. This is a national event celebrated all across the United States.

Tuesday was Red and White Day and members were asked to wear the organization's colors, red and white. Red stand for strength and white stands for sincerity. On Wednesday, Valentine's Day, members were given gift bags filled with suckers and assorted chocolates. On Thursday the Chapter sponsored a bake sale during high school break. The baked goods were produced by the members of the Chapter and they included brownies, cookies, and cupcakes.

The Chapter ended the week-long celebration on Friday with a Chapter meeting.

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Pictured above are (l-r): Kimberly Jordan, Keely Sikes, Sarah Maddox, Heather Danley, and Amie Perry. Maddox have all been informed already that they are the recipients of various scholarships.

## FBLA preps for regionals

Chapter 10391, the local chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), is preparing to attend the Southern Region meeting on March 3, 2001, which will be held at Escambia High School in Atmore.

The State Chapter of FBLA has revised its organization and now has three regions, each comprised of two districts. The districts are the same as they were. District IV and District III make up the Southern Region. This year District III will host the district meeting and next year the host will be District IV.

Zion Chapel has entered 30 contestants in 21 contests. Three of the contests are team events. Amie Perry, Heather Danley, Allan Harrison, Heather Arnold, Whitney Stephens, and Tracy Banks are entered in Parliamentary Procedure. Kimberly Jordan, Brittany Thompson, Leigh Anne Buhmann, and Amber Henderson make up the

Wallace in Word Processing II.

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Space Biscuits, Sausage, Pattie, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Martian Surprises - Chicken & Noodles, Steak Sandwich, Whole Kernel Corn, Blackeyed Peas, Corn Muffins, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Rocket Pancake, Pup, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Lasagna, Asteroid Chicken Nuggets, Tossed Salad, Oven Fries, Rocket Fruit, Rolls, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Cheese Toast, Moon Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Fried Chicken, Space Corn Dogs, Italian Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Astronaut Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Moon Wedge Cheese Pizza, Aliens' Chicken Pot Pie, Whole Potatoes, Okra, Fruit, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Peach Turnover, Rock Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Aliens' Barbecue, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Rice, Bread Slices, Milk

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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While our two girls are almost six years apart in age, our 12-year-old has grown up like a weed in recent months and now wears the same size shirt of her 18-year-old big sister. That would seem more like a help than a hindrance to dear old Dad, but it causes major problems when little sister sneaks into big sister's closet and pulls out a shirt, and then gets caught. It has gotten a little better since some hand me downs have started making their way to little sister. However, I can only imagine what it would be like if they wore the same size jeans.

### PASSING ON SOME NOTES OF INTEREST....

\*\*\* The Elba Recreation Department will host two boys basketball tournaments this weekend, with a total of ten teams from out of town coming in to compete. The Elba teams would have to be labeled as "underdogs" adbest to win either of the tournaments, but both teams have been working hard at practice and are confident they can win. The other teams in the tournaments will come from Enterprise, Geneva, Opp, Andalusia, Greenville, Troy and New Brockton, and it should be the two good days of youth basketball action at the Elba High gym. Elba will also have two All-Star teams hitting the road, as the "Girls 12 and Under" team heads to Geneva and the "Boys 10 and Under" team travels to Greenville. I realize that the various All-Star teams will be scattered out there this weekend, but I urge everyone to try to go out and support the teams as they compete, and represent the City of Elba.

\*\*\* The "Final 4" state basketball tournament is underway this week up in Birmingham, and this year the annual event will definitely have a local flavor. The girls tournament will include Barbour County and Highland Home (2A); and Geneva and Andalusia (4A); while over in the boys tournament area teams include Pleasant Home (1A); Goshen and Barbour County (2A); Calhoun (3A); and Andalusia (4A). I don't know how many of the teams will survive, but I would love to see a Goshen-Barbour County finals in 2A and a Geneva-Andalusia finals in 4A. Alabama is a big state, but there is no doubt the quality of basketball at the local level is as good, if not better, than any to be found.

\*\*\* Now that the NCAA has made it official it's investigating Alabama's football program, it seems like most of the attention is turning to the Tide's **Ronnie Cottrell**, the Bama recruiting coordinator under Mike DuBose. Cottrell, a former head football coach at Kinston High School, earned nationwide acclaim while at Florida State as the nation's top recruiter, and when he headed up to Alabama he quickly made Alabama one of the top recruiting stops in college football. I have known Coach Cottrell for many years and know that he would do anything to help a high school player try and get into college, but I don't really believe that he would break the rules just to sign a player. I will keep an eye on the recruiting controversy up at Tuscaloosa and will keep my fingers crossed that Cottrell isn't as guilty as many believe, and hope that he isn't made the scapegoat in the whole mess.

\*\*\* Coaches are still needed for the summer youth baseball and softball leagues in Elba, and I urge any person that knows the game and has the time to go by the Rec Center and sign up. The youngsters are fun to coach, but they must learn the right way to play the game, and it takes a special person to have the patience to teach the kids the right way to do things. If you are that person, please sign up today!

### Baseball \* Softball DIAMOND DATES

#### Friday, March 2

##### Baseball

Highland Home at Brantley (5:00) JV and V

#### Tuesday, March 6

##### Baseball

Elba at New Brockton (5:00)  
Brantley vs. Catholic (4:00) DH at AUM

##### Softball

Elba JV at Kinston JV (3:30) DH

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### At A.R.P.A. District 8 tournaments

## Elba Youth All-Star teams set for busy weekend

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will send a total of four All-Star basketball teams into action this weekend at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Basketball Tournaments, and all four teams are confident that they will represent Elba well as they compete against teams from area towns.

Following is a brief preview of the All-Star teams:

#### BOYS 10 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The Elba "Boys 10 and Under" All-Stars will travel to Greenville on Saturday and Coach Jim McCormick is confident that his team can compete and win against the teams in the tournament.

"We have a great group of kids that have worked hard to get ready," said Coach McCormick, "and we are going to Greenville with the intention of winning. We have some size and quickness, and if we play well we should be able to compete against any team in the tournament."

The members of the All-Star

team include Jordan McBride, Richard Cooks, Gavin Flowers, Trey Martin, Don Rhoades, Matthew Gibson, Graham Morrow, Justin Hammond, Bobby Hudson, Martin McCormick and Jason Mitchell. Coaches are Jim McCormick and Terrell Hammond.

#### BOYS 12 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The Elba "Boys 12 and Under" All-Stars will get to stay at home Friday night when they open play in the District Tournament, and Coach Kevin Goosby feels confident that his team will be competitive when it takes the floor.

"We know that the other teams will have more twelve-year-olds than we do," said Coach Goosby, "but we don't worry about what we don't have, we just work hard and play hard with the players we have and we are confident that we can compete and win. We have some very talented young players and are looking forward to playing."

The members of the All-Star

team include Jordan McBride, Richard Cooks, Gavin Flowers, Trey Martin, Don Rhoades, Matthew Gibson, Graham Morrow, Justin Hammond, Bobby Hudson, Martin McCormick and Jason Mitchell. Coaches are Kevin Goosby and Tom Carter.

#### BOYS 14 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The Elba "Boys 14 and Under" All-Stars will also get to stay at home and compete on Saturday morning in the ARPA District Tournament, and Coach Tim Williams is looking forward to his players having the opportunity to compete against the teams from area towns.

"There are a lot of players on this team that love to play basketball and that is what it is all about," stated Coach Williams. "We have had the chance to play a lot of games this season and the players have all enjoyed the experience. We have worked hard all season long, and maybe this weekend we will step forward and play our best."

The members of the All-Star team include Reese Stricklin, Kaleb Dyess, Jessie Schultz, Adam Spicer, Stefaun Burks,

Josh Boutwell, William Carpenter and Alex Allen. The coach is Tim Williams.

#### GIRLS 12 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The Elba "Girls 12 and Under" All-Stars will travel to Geneva on Friday night to begin play in their District tournament, and Coach Ronnie Caldwell is looking forward to seeing how his girls match up with those from area towns.

"We have a good group of girls that have played hard all season and have worked hard in practice," said Coach Caldwell, "and we are all looking forward to the tournament. We have good size and have some good ball handlers, and if we play well we should have a chance of winning."

The members of the All-Star team include Brandy Caldwell, Chessie Cross, Ashley Bailey, Ashley Carpenter, Sydney Brunson, Brittany Caldwell, Whitney Sasser, Whitney Bailey, Hannah Manning and LaFondra Thigpen. Coaches are Ronnie Caldwell and David Bailey.



**BRANTLEY'S JOHNSON SIGNS WITH WEST ALABAMA....**Brantley Bulldog quarterback Andy Johnson made it official recently when he signed a football scholarship with the University of West Alabama. Pictured at the signing were (seated, l-r) Retha Johnson and Andy Johnson; (standing, l-r) Brantley principal Kathi Wallace, Adam Johnson and Coach David Lowery.

### Brantley's Andy Johnson signs football scholarship with UWA

Brantley Bulldog quarterback Andy Johnson made it official recently when he signed a football scholarship with the University of West Alabama, in Livingston.

Johnson was a three-year starter for the Bulldogs and led his team to the state Class 1A championship in 1998, to the state runner-up spot in 1999, and into the second round of the playoffs in 2000.

Johnson was slowed by injuries throughout his senior season, but still led the Bulldogs on both offense and defense.

Stinson says proper pruning is also important. "You need to prune the lower two-thirds of the limbs off for the first few years. Also if the tree forks, you want to keep the larger or dominant limb in the fork and prune the smaller one off. This will keep the tree growing tall and prevent it from becoming a dwarf," said Stinson.

Basset also recommends planting Chinese chestnuts for deer. With a twinkle in his eye Basset says, "I can't swear it's so, but I have customers who say a deer can hear a Chinese chestnut fall 300 yards away and take off to get it." Basset says that Chinese chestnuts will start producing in about the same time as sawtooths and will yield equivalent poundage of nuts each year.

Basset recommends the use of tree protectors when planting trees for wildlife. Tree protectors are plastic, transparent grow tubes that protect young trees from wildlife damage such as antler rubbing. They also provide a mini greenhouse affect for each tree and greatly accelerate growth.

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# SPORTS

### Elba Department of Parks and Recreation

## RECREATION REPORT

### Youth baseball and softball registration underway in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation began registration for baseball and softball on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and will continue the registration through Friday, March 2.

The department will sponsor baseball leagues for boys ages 4-6 (Tee Ball), 7-8 (Coach Pitch), 9-10 (Dixie Minor), 11-12 (Dixie Youth), 13-14 (Dixie Boys), 15-16 (Dixie Pre-Majors) and 17-18 (Dixie Majors). A player's age in all baseball leagues will be based upon his age on or before July 31, 2001, and all players will be required to play in their respective age divisions.

The department will sponsor softball leagues for girls ages 4-6 (Tee Ball), 7-8 (Coach Pitch), 9-10 (Dixie Minor), 11-12 (Dixie Youth), 13-14 (Dixie Girls), 15-16 (Dixie Pre-Majors) and 17-18 (Dixie Majors). A player's age in all softball leagues will be based upon her age on or before July 31, 2001, and all players will be required to play in their respective age divisions.

The cost for registration is \$15 per child, with a \$50 maximum fee per family with more than three children playing in the various leagues. The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will provide t-shirts and caps for all players; however, pants, socks, shoes and gloves will be the responsibility of the child.

The opening day for the 2001 baseball and softball season is set for Saturday, April 14. For more information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

### Coaches are needed for youth baseball and softball teams

Anyone wishing to coach a team in either league should pick up a coaching application at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information call the Elba Recreation office at 897-6833.

### Elba men's softball league to hold organizational meeting

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a mens slow-pitch softball league this spring, with the season set to begin on March 26. Anyone wishing to enter a team in the league should contact the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833. A preseason meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 PM, at the Recreation Center.

### Elba to sponsor men's spring basketball league

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now seeking teams to play in a Men's Basketball League. The league will be open to all men ages 18 and over, and games will be played at the Elba Recreation Center. Entry fee will be \$150 per team. A meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, at 7:00 PM, for anyone wishing to enter a team in the league.

### There is help for people with spring allergies

More than 50 million Americans suffer from allergies. High levels of spring pollen can mean itchy, irritated eyes, runny noses and scratchy throats for allergy sufferers. Fortunately, there are a number of simple yet effective strategies that can help minimize allergy symptoms throughout the season.

Contact lens wearers can help address their symptoms by switching to a lens designed for one-day use. Daily disposable lenses, such as Focus Dailies, allow wearers to replace their lenses every day. This enables wearers to avoid a buildup of protein and pollen and minimize the risk of irritation and infection on the same time.

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Atlanta allergist Dr. Robyn Levy says people need to live their lives and enjoy the spring—but also be smart about it.

"Just wearing sunglasses, for example, filters out about 40 percent of the pollen that would otherwise reach your eyes," said Levy.

Spring allergy season doesn't have to mean misery. A few common sense tips can help keep you more comfortable:

- Carry comfort drops to rinse your eyes frequently—with contact lenses left in.

- Consider wearing one-day disposable contact lenses.

- Play sports later in the day or evening—when pollen counts are lower.

- Avoid mowing and raking, or at least wear a dust mask and protective eyewear.

- Keep doors and windows closed.

- Keep air conditioning on, which filters indoor air.

- Choose wood flooring over carpet.

- Keep hands away from eyes and do not rub eyes.

- Avoid drying clothes outside as pollen clings to fabric.

- If you suspect you are suffering from allergies, see your doctor.

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## AHSAA "Final 4" basketball tourney underway this week in Birmingham

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will conduct its "High School Final 4" State Basketball Tournament this week at the Birmingham-Jefferson County Civic Center, in Birmingham, with a total of 48 teams competing for state championships in both boys and girls divisions. Following is a schedule of the week's action in all six classes:

### CLASS 1A

**BOYS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27  
7:00 PM - Pleasant Home vs. Parkway Christian  
8:30 PM - Decatur Heritage vs. Akron  
**Thursday, March 1**  
8:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27  
4:00 PM - Notasulga vs. Skyline  
5:30 PM - Hazelwood vs. Autaugaaville  
**Friday, March 2**  
4:00 PM - Championship Game

**CLASS 2A**

**BOYS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27  
12:00 PM - Barbour County vs. Section  
1:30 PM - Mars Hill Bible vs. Goshen  
**Thursday, March 1**  
6:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27  
9:00 AM - Barbour County vs. Pisgah  
10:30 AM - Red Bay vs. Highland Home  
**Thursday, March 1**  
4:00 PM - Championship Game

**CLASS 3A**

**BOYS**  
Wednesday, Feb. 28  
7:00 PM - Calhoun vs. DAR  
8:30 PM - Collier County vs. Washington County  
**Saturday, March 3**  
12:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
Wednesday, Feb. 28  
9:00 AM - Jeff Davis vs. Hoover  
10:30 AM - Decatur vs. Central Tuscaloosa  
**Saturday, March 3**  
2:00 PM - Championship Game

**CLASS 4A**

**BOYS**  
Friday, March 2  
12:00 PM - Valley vs. Hartselle  
1:30 PM - Lee Huntsville vs. Blount  
**Saturday, March 3**  
8:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
Friday, March 2  
9:00 AM - B.T. Washington vs. Athens  
10:30 AM - Boaz vs. B.C. Rain  
**Saturday, March 3**  
6:00 PM - Championship Game

**CLASS 5A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region 3  
1:30 - Region 4 vs. Baldwin County  
**Saturday, March 3**  
4:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
Thursday, March 1  
9:00 AM - Jeff Davis vs. Hoover  
10:30 AM - Decatur vs. Central Tuscaloosa  
**Saturday, March 3**  
2:00 PM - Championship Game

**CLASS 6A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region 3  
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**Saturday, March 3**  
4:00 PM - Championship Game

**GIRLS**  
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**CLASS 7A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region 3  
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**Saturday, March 3**  
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**GIRLS**  
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**CLASS 8A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region 3  
1:30 - Region 4 vs. Baldwin County  
**Saturday, March 3**  
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**GIRLS**  
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**CLASS 9A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region 3  
1:30 - Region 4 vs. Baldwin County  
**Saturday, March 3**  
4:00 PM - Championship Game

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**Saturday, March 3**  
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**CLASS 10A**

**BOYS**  
Thursday, March 1  
12:00 PM - Sidney Lanier vs. Region



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**CHILDREN AT PLAY...**With temperatures reaching the upper 70s on Monday and Tuesday of this week, children could be found outside playing all-around Elba. Justin and Mandi Maltry were accompanied by their dad to the playground located beside the Elba Parks and Recreation Building on Tuesday afternoon after school. Above, Justin (1) and Mandi (2) show off their swinging abilities as traffic passes by on Claxton Avenue. As Spring nears and temperatures continue to warm, scenes such as the one above are sure to become a frequent sight throughout the city.

## PSC approves dates for dialing new 251 area code

Beginning in mid-June, Alabamians can dial the new 251 area code to call southwest Alabama.

The Alabama Public Service Commission approved an implementation plan for "251" at its regular monthly meeting recently. According to the plan, the transitional dialing period for the new area code starts June 18, 2001 when either "251" or "334" can be dialed. On Jan. 7, 2002, it will become mandatory to dial "251" to reach most of southwest

Alabama.

The six-month transition to the new code will allow phone subscribers to become accustomed to dialing "251" as well as give businesses a chance to reprogram PBX systems, speed calling services and auto dialers for FAX machines and computers.

The area of southwest Alabama that will receive the "251" area code includes portions of Wilcox, Clarke and Choctaw counties, most of Monroe County and all of Washington, Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties.

However, one issue that will not be affected by the change of area code is toll-free calling or telephone rates. Any call that was local before the implementation of "251" will still be a local call. This applies both during the transitional period and once mandatory dialing begins.

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## Don't Forget...

**Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, March 3  
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## Siegelman provides \$395,412 for "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise

Governor Bob Siegelman has provided funds needed to help Wiregrass residents update their job skills or train for new careers close to home. Siegelman approved the release of Workforce Investment Act funds to the South Alabama Skills Center in Mobile, providing \$395,412 to operate "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise.

"In today's uncertain world, it is not unusual for workers to be

underemployed or out of work due to circumstances beyond their control," Siegelman said. "I am pleased to support this effort to help Alabama citizens identify and take advantage of new career and training opportunities."

The "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise are designed to provide a variety of services to assist individuals in obtaining employment. The centers offer skills assessment

and testing, career guidance, access to appropriate training, referrals to other programs and case management for residents of Coffee, Geneva and Covington counties.

Funding for the grants is made available to the state through the U.S. Department of Labor. Siegelman has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grants.

## Farmers Market Authority receives grant to help seniors

Don Wambles, Administrator of the State of Alabama Farmers Market Authority, announces that the Farmers Market Authority will receive a \$745,360 grant to be distributed to more than 18,500 low-income seniors to buy Alabama grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from Alabama farmers.

The grant is to fund the

Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program (SFMNPP).

In November 2000, USDA announced the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program. The goals of the SFMNPP include 1) improving the diets

of low-income seniors, 2) increasing sales of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at farmers markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs, and 3) to assist in developing new or expanding existing farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

On January 4, 2001, USDA announced the award of nearly \$15 million in grants to help more than 370,000 low-income seniors in 31 states, four Indian Tribal Governments and one Indian Tribal Organization buy fresh produce at farmers markets.

Funding for the SFMNPP comes from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),

whose resources may be used to "Increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities."

The Alabama SFMNPP will provide recipients, low-income seniors in 15 Alabama counties, with cash benefits for use during the 2001 harvest season to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs only at farmers markets certified by the Farmers Market Authority (FMA) and can only be accepted by farmers who have been certified to participate in the program. Any Alabama farmer wishing to participate in the program should contact the FMA. The Alabama Farmers Market

Authority is collaborating with the Department of Senior Services (formerly the Commission on Aging), the Department of Human Resources, Food Stamp Division and Alabama Indian Affairs to identify low-income seniors in the pilot program counties.

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program (SFMNPP) will be piloted in these counties: Autauga, Clay, Coffee, Dallas, Escambia, Fayette, Franklin, Houston, Jefferson, Lowndes, Madison, Marengo, Mobile, Perry and Tuscaloosa. Once identified, eligible low-income seniors in these counties will be notified by mail of where they can receive and use the SFMNPP coupons.

"We are very pleased to be awarded these federal funds for such a worthy cause. This program will increase farmers' client base and incomes; provide low-income seniors with nutritious Alabama grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs and we all stand to benefit from a healthier senior population and the economic stimulus that will be felt by many local economies throughout Alabama. This program is an example of direct marketing in which everyone benefits," Wambles said.

## Relay For Life... more than just raising money

Join people from all walks of life on May 18 for an overnight team event to celebrate survivorship and raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event where participants walk, run, stroll and shuffle around a track during the community event. Relay For Life participants are encouraged to camp out around the track and take part in family fun activities when they aren't taking the turn on the track.

"Relay For Life is not just about raising money, it's about raising awareness and bringing attention to this horrible disease," said Sheila Reeves, American Cancer Society. "Many of the participants are cancer survivors themselves and they are living proof of the strides we have made in the fight against cancer."

The Opp Jaycees will host the 42nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo at Channell-Lee Stadium in Opp on Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4. Events to include arts & crafts, entertainment, games, food and much more. Gates open at 8 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the gates.

## 5310 Tractor More for the money

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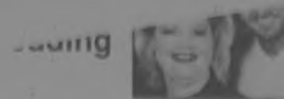


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## BOE's building project nears completion

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education last Thursday evening began on a somber note with the board members and those present observing a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Joyce Barksdale.

Mrs. Barksdale, a board member from November 1992 until the present, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 18, and was laid to rest on Tuesday, Feb. 20. All board members expressed their admiration for Mrs. Barksdale and all agreed that her presence on the board would be greatly missed.

After the moment of silence, the board approved the evening's agenda and got down to business.

David Langford, representing the architectural firm that serves the school, reported on the construction progress, presently going on at the county system's three campuses.

He reported that the computer lab at the Zion Chapel campus has been dried in and the outside brickwork has been completed. Work is now progressing on the inside work, interior walls,

installation of mechanical and electrical works, etc.

The roof on the building on the New Brockton campus is nearing completion, and the brickwork has been completed, and it is nearing the dried-in stage.

On the Kinston campus, the lighting work on the classrooms is being scheduled and should move rather quickly with the arrival of spring break.

"We are looking to try to finish these projects all through April or May," commented Supt. Rodger Bowden, Langford added. "Should be about the middle of April."

Supt. Bowden asked for and received permission from the board to bid a fence to be erected around the playground of the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

He told board members that a competitive project grant application for \$10,000 (the county system has to supply 25% of the funds) was submitted and approved for the funds to be used to install the fence. One of the main reasons for the fence is the safety aspect.

"When we had our consul-

dated review, one of the things we were cited for was safety at Zion Chapel," said Bowden. "With it being out in the country, they said that for safety reasons - with it [the playground] being adjacent to the highway - we need a fence around the playground area to keep kids from wandering off the playground."

The board also gave its approval for the awarding of the project to the low bidder once all bids are received and reviewed.

Turning to other matters of business, the board approved the adoption of board policy IEE dealing with students' dual enrollment/postsecondary institutions. This policy basically gives the superintendent and principals authority to make the decision as to whether or not the student is capable of doing the required work. The board also approved the deletion of board policy IDKD which is in conflict with IEE policy.

The following out-of-state travel requests were approved by the board:

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**PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST...**The Elba Lions Club held its Annual Pancake Breakfast last Saturday, March 3, at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. As always, the breakfast was a huge attraction for both the young and young-at-heart. Even the rainy weather couldn't keep Elba's faithful away from supporting the local Lions Club. Above, Lindsey Gamley carefully applies just the right amount of syrup to her pancakes before satisfying that morning hunger. To get a closer look at more scenes from this year's pancake breakfast, please see Page 12.

## New Brockton meeting smooth & routine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted its monthly meeting Monday evening in just under an hour with most of the matters addressed being routine.

After adopting the meeting agenda, Mayor Charles Cole announced to the council that the grant application to the state department of transportation had been disapproved. Referring to a letter, Mayor Cole told council members that the transportation enhancement project could not be funded at this time. There were more than 120 applications presented and New Brockton was not one of the fortunate ones. The funds would have been used in the widening of city streets and work on the senior citizens center.

"Hopefully we can apply again this coming year, and it will be funded," said the mayor. Under the heading of new business, Police Chief Jerry Gilbert told the council that the possibility of acquiring a drug dog was being looked into by his department. Recently, two trained canines were brought in for a demonstration and both were very successful in locating "hidden drugs." The cost of getting a fully trained canine is \$4,500.

Chief Gilbert said he had checked with officials at the local housing authority and was told, at the present time, they had no funds available to aid in obtaining a drug dog. After a brief discussion, it was decided to put the project on hold until the chief can look into the availability of funds to be used in obtaining the trained

Food," said McLwain.

It was the consensus of the council that both these projects needed to move forward. Councilman McLwain's was given approval to proceed with these projects providing funds are readily available to pay for the work.

Mayor Cole reported that the contract with the Enterprise Rescue Squad to provide emergency medical service to the town had been extended for an additional six months. He also said that the garbage collection contract had been signed with Arrow Mark Dunning Industries in the process of picking up containers

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## Earthquake causes anxious moments for local resident

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The earthquake that rocked the northwest last week was also felt in Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia and in southern Oregon more than 300 miles away. Its rippling effects even reached Elba in that it caused several anxious hours for those having relatives living in the State of Washington.

The 6.8 magnitude quake hit last Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:54 a.m. and was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle.

Colleen King, an employee of the Circuit Clerk's Office in Elba, has relatives living in Tacoma, Washington, which is located southwest of Seattle and was very near the center of the quake.

Last Wednesday, this reporter was on his weekly route delivering The Elba Clipper when he heard the news about the quake on the radio. Upon entering the Circuit Clerk's Office in Elba, he mentioned the quake and Colleen responded, "Yeah, we know, I have two sisters and other relatives living in Washington, and I've been unable to get through to them on the phone."

In checking with two different radio stations' news department, it was learned that, although there was a lot of damage to buildings and the infrastructure, no deaths or serious injuries had been reported. Further checking on the Internet revealed the same information.

However, all of this was of little consolation to Mrs. King because she had not talked to her two sisters. She wanted that



Colleen King

assurance to come from someone that was on the scene, preferably her sisters.

Finally, at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night, Mrs. King spoke with her sister Kathy Bailey and was relieved to find that all were safe. She was told that her other sister, Joyce Anderson, was on vacation in Arizona.

Mrs. Bailey, an employee of Allenwood Hospital in Tacoma, told her sister that the emergency room had been real busy due to the quake but that no one sustained any serious injuries - just scared to death. She works in the respiratory department as an assistant to the department head.

A niece, Debbie Banfield, is a school teacher in one of the local schools and she reported that everyone took emergency precautions just as they had been instructed to do - they hit the floor and got under their desks. No one was injured and Mrs. King was relieved to be able to continue her work and know her loved ones were faring fine.

## Area Happenings

**ELBA BLOOD DRIVE.** The American Red Cross will sponsor an Elba Community Blood Drive on Friday, March 9, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Elba Parks and Recreation Building located on Claxton Avenue.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, March 12, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS NIGHT.** Elba High School will have 8th Grade Parents Night on Tuesday, March 13, previously scheduled for March 8th, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning the student's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.